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Ohio Vegetable Report

Ohio produced 4.60 million hundredweight (cwt) of fresh market vegetables in 2014, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office; a 4 percent increase from 2013. This included the dual purpose crops of bell peppers, pumpkins, and squash. The value of fresh market vegetables, at the farm level, was \$127 million, down 9 percent from the revised 2013 total. Ohio was ranked as the eleventh largest state in the value of fresh market vegetables for 2014.

Fresh market vegetable and melon production in the U.S. for the 24 selected crops estimated in 2014 totaled 413 million hundredweight, down 1 percent from last year. Harvested area covered 1.58 million acres, down 3 percent from 2013. Value of the 2014 crop is estimated at 10.9 billion dollars, down 5 percent from a year ago. The three largest crops, in terms of production, were onions, head lettuce, and watermelons, which combined to account for 36 percent of the total production. Tomatoes, head lettuce, and onions claim the highest values, accounting for 29 percent of the total value when combined.

U.S. processing production for eight selected vegetables estimated in 2014 totaled 19.2 million tons, up 12 percent from last year. Area harvested is estimated at 1.09 million acres, up 3 percent from a year ago. Processing crop value is estimated at 2.20 billion dollars, 4 percent above 2013. The three largest crops, in terms of production, are tomatoes, sweet corn, and snap beans, which combine to account for 93 percent of the total. The top three crops in terms of value are tomatoes, sweet corn, and cucumbers. These three processing vegetables account for 81 percent of the total value when combined.

Vegetables: Ohio and U.S., 2013-2014

Item	Ohio				United States			
	Harvested		Production		Harvested		Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>
Fresh market								
Cabbage	1,300	1,400	436	490	59,480	62,550	21,750	22,359
Corn, sweet	15,500	15,100	1,550	1,314	228,380	215,150	28,561	25,346
Onions ²	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	95,840	93,200	50,820	55,663
Peppers, bell ¹	2,700	2,600	486	455	44,800	46,500	14,433	15,346
Pumpkins ¹	6,100	6,300	1,004	1,053	50,300	49,500	11,221	13,143
Squash ¹	1,400	1,600	238	304	39,900	38,530	6,149	5,745
Tomatoes	3,400	3,600	595	954	99,600	97,600	26,391	27,280
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
Processing								
Cucumbers	7,000	6,500	52,500	40,950	82,100	76,580	473,140	481,740
Tomatoes	5,100	4,400	153,000	154,000	277,000	306,100	12,631,500	14,637,300

¹ Dual purpose crops. Processing included in fresh market.

² Summer storage.

⁰ (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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